

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2020
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: ABSENT	COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT	COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:31 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:31 pm

Council President Oglesby reported the Shade Tree Committee are still researching the tree possibilities for along Union Avenue adding it looks like the best opinions are the Bradford Pear and Japanese Cherry Trees. Mr. Oglesby stated both trees require little maintenance and added the committee is looking into whether these trees will do any damage over the years.

Time closed: 7:34 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2020-05. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: Brian DiMeo

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2020-06 entitled: "ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" (#2020-06) Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:35 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:35 PM

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To adopt Ordinance #2020-06. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman DiMeo reported the Youth and Recreation Committee had a meeting this past Monday and added they discussed the Fall Festival and Halloween activities. Mr. DiMeo stated the Fall Festival will be held on October 17th at 1:00 pm and the Halloween Parade will be held on October 24th at 11:00 am. Mr. DiMeo also stated the next Youth and Recreation meeting will be October 22nd at 7:00 pm and the last meeting for the year will be held on November 19th.

Council President Oglesby stated he received a letter from the Historical Society in regard to the Borough's Anniversary adding they would like to know the governing body's plans and would like to coordinate with them. Mr. Oglesby stated one plan that the Historical Society has is the trolley rides. Mr. Oglesby also stated the Historical Society would like to know if the governing body set a date for the celebration.

Mayor Robbins responded that the 4th of July has been discussed. Mayor Robbins stated due to COVID-19 the 4th of July fireworks were cancelled this year adding the borough will have “double” the show for next year.

Mr. Oglesby suggested that Union Avenue be closed off for a block party adding the possibilities of the businesses be in involved as well.

Mayor Robbins also suggested running an ad in the Manchester Times that states the borough is seeking volunteers for the Anniversary Committee and to contact Borough Hall for more information.

Councilman Lowe stated an ordinance is needed in regard to the Pear Trees that the borough planted along county roads. Mr. Lowe also stated the ordinance needs to clarify removal of trees adding there are concerns of trees lifting sidewalks. Mr. Lowe further stated the ordinance should also state that a resident cannot remove a tree if the tree is in “good shape” and is not causing damage.

Mr. Lowe reported the employees at Borough Hall are in need of a “break room”. Mr. Lowe stated that the employees are now bringing their lunch due to a half hour lunch break adding it is unprofessional for the employee to eat at their desk.

Mayor Robbins asked if the conference room was available.

Borough Clerk Capasso responded the conference room is used for when residents come in to inspect project plans and added occasionally meetings are held there as well.

Mr. Lowe stated the violation office is no longer in use and would work as a place for a lunchroom. Mr. Lowe appointed the municipal clerk to list supplies needed and will coordinate with public works.

Councilman McCarthy reported that there was no Board of Education meeting this month. Mr. McCarthy also reported there are no confirm cases of COVID-19 at Lakehurst Elementary School adding there are a couple case in the Manchester Township schools.

Mr. McCarthy reported on behave of the Public Safety Committee portable radios have been ordered and added construction on Orchard Street will begin on Monday.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins stated the New Jersey League of Municipalities will be holding their annual convention virtually this year and recommended the council members to go to league’s website to see the classes they have to offer.

Mayor Robbins reminded borough residents that Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31st from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and added decorated homes will be judged.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 pm

Bob Vosseller, Manchester Times Reporter, stated he will be interviewing two authors that wrote books on the history of Manchester Township and the Borough of Lakehurst and suggested the Historical Society to be in attendance as well. Mr. Vosseller stated the Historical Society could invite the authors to the Borough Anniversary and do a book signing at the celebration.

Time closed: 7:47 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:48 pm

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk